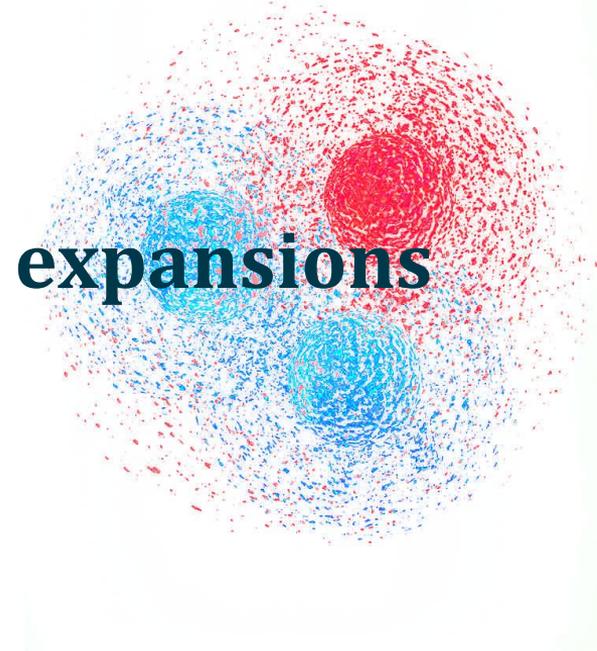


Locally smeared operator product expansions

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twist expansion of parton distribution functions

for example



(Twist-2) operator mixing on the lattice

Parton distribution functions reflect internal structure of nucleons

- defined on the light-cone
- Mellin moments of parton distribution functions
~ matrix elements of “twist” (dimension - spin) operators
- twist-2 operators dominate in Bjorken limit


$$\bar{q} \gamma_{\{\mu_1} D_{\mu_2} \cdots D_{\mu_n\}} q$$

- power divergent mixing


$$\text{e.g. } \bar{q} \gamma_{\mu} D_{\nu} D_{\nu} q \sim \frac{1}{a^2} \bar{q} \gamma_{\mu} q$$

- limits lattice calculations to first four moments

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Smearing partially restores rotational symmetry

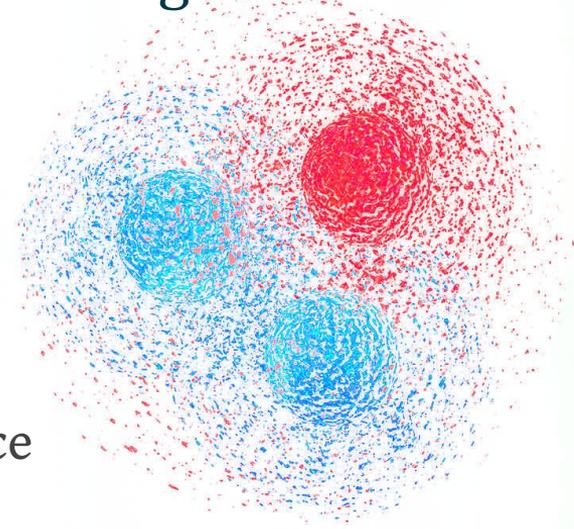
reduces operator mixing

Davoudi and Savage, Phys. Rev. 86 (2012) 054505

Operator mixing on the lattice

Aim:

systematically connect nonperturbative, smeared lattice calculations to continuum physics



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[here the OPE is just a Laurent expansion]

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Interactions modify the Wilson coefficients

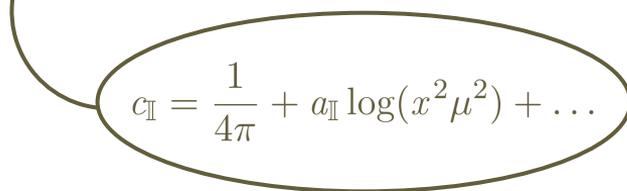
$$\phi(x)\phi(0) = \frac{1}{4\pi x^2} (1 + a_{\mathbb{I}} \log(x^2 \mu^2) \dots) \mathbb{I} + (1 + a_{\phi^2} \log(x^2 \mu^2) \dots) \phi^2(0) + \dots$$

... but not their leading- x behaviour
(determined by operator mass dimension)

Operator product expansion

(Formally) convenient to separate leading-x behaviour

$$\phi(x)\phi(0) = \frac{1}{x^2} c_{\mathbb{I}} \mathbb{I} + c_{\phi^2} \phi^2(0) + x^\mu c_{\partial_\mu \phi^2} \partial_\mu \phi^2(0) + x^\mu x^\nu c_{\partial_\mu \partial_\nu \phi^2} \partial_\mu \partial_\nu \phi^2(0) + \dots$$


$$c_{\mathbb{I}} = \frac{1}{4\pi} + a_{\mathbb{I}} \log(x^2 \mu^2) + \dots$$

In general

$$O(x) \stackrel{x \rightarrow 0}{\sim} \sum_k d_k(x^2) c_k(x, \mu) \mathcal{O}_R^{(k)}(0, \mu)$$

Operator relation - understood as acting in matrix element with N external fields

$$\langle \Omega | O(x) \tilde{\phi}(p_1) \dots \tilde{\phi}(p_N) | \Omega \rangle \stackrel{x \rightarrow 0}{\sim} \sum_k d_k(x^2) c_k(x, \mu) \langle \Omega | \mathcal{O}_R^{(k)}(0, \mu) \tilde{\phi}(p_1) \dots \tilde{\phi}(p_N) | \Omega \rangle$$

Smearing operator product expansion

Replace product of local operators with **locally smeared operators** (sOPE)

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$$O(x) \stackrel{x \rightarrow 0}{\sim} \sum_k d_k(x^2) \bar{c}_k(x, \mu, \tau) \overline{\mathcal{O}}_R^{(k)}(0, \mu, \tau)$$

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bar denotes smeared coefficients and operators

smearing scale τ

Smearing implemented via gradient flow

- nonperturbative matrix elements finite in continuum limit at fixed physical τ
- partially restores rotational symmetry
- removes operator mixing due to hypercubic lattice symmetry

Smearing operator product expansion

For example, consider the two-point function with OPE

$$\phi(x)\phi(0) = \frac{1}{x^2} c_{\mathbb{I}} \mathbb{I} + c_{\phi^2} \phi^2(0) + \mathcal{O}(x)$$

which becomes

$$\phi(x)\phi(0) = \frac{1}{x^2} \bar{c}_{\mathbb{I}} \mathbb{I} + \bar{c}_{\phi^2} \bar{\phi}^2(\tau, 0) + \mathcal{O}(x)$$

Deterministic evolution of fields in “flow time” τ toward classical minimum

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} \bar{\phi}(\tau, x) = \partial^2 \bar{\phi}(\tau, x) \qquad \bar{\phi}(\tau=0, x) = \phi(x)$$

Lüscher, Commun. Math. Phys. 293 (2010) 899

Exact solution possible with Dirichlet boundary conditions



$$\bar{\phi}(\tau, x) = e^{\tau \partial^2} \phi(x) \qquad \tilde{\phi}(\tau, p) = e^{-\tau p^2} \tilde{\phi}(p)$$

$$s_{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{8\tau}$$

N.B. $[\tau] = 2$

ideal testing ground for sOPE

Renormalised theory on the boundary requires no further renormalisation

Lüscher and Weisz, JHEP 1102 (2011) 51

Smeared Wilson coefficients

Calculate Wilson coefficients in standard manner:

- for example, consider again the sOPE for the two-point function

$$\phi(x)\phi(0) = \frac{1}{x^2} \bar{c}_{\mathbb{I}} \mathbb{I} + \bar{c}_{\phi^2} \bar{\phi}^2(\tau, 0) + \mathcal{O}(x)$$

Define Green functions via operators “embedded” in matrix element

- rearrange sOPE

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{c}_{\mathbb{I}}(x, \tau) \langle \Omega | \mathbb{I} \tilde{\phi}_R(p_1) \tilde{\phi}_R(p_2) | \Omega \rangle &= \langle \Omega | \phi(x) \phi(0) \tilde{\phi}_R(p_1) \tilde{\phi}_R(p_2) | \Omega \rangle \\ &\quad - \bar{c}_{\phi^2}(x, \tau) \langle \Omega | \bar{\phi}(0, \tau) \phi(0) \tilde{\phi}_R(p_1) \tilde{\phi}_R(p_2) | \Omega \rangle \end{aligned}$$

- work at tree-level and expand to order m^2

$$\bar{c}_{\mathbb{I}}^{(0)}(x, \tau) = \left\{ \langle \Omega | \phi(x) \phi(0) \tilde{\phi}_R(p_1) \tilde{\phi}_R(p_2) | \Omega \rangle - \langle \Omega | \bar{\phi}(0, \tau) \phi(0) \tilde{\phi}_R(p_1) \tilde{\phi}_R(p_2) | \Omega \rangle \right\}_{\text{to } \mathcal{O}(m^2)}$$

Smeared Wilson coefficients

So we have

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- graphically

$$\bar{c}_{\mathbb{I}}^{(0)}(x, \tau) = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 1} \\ \text{Diagram 2} \end{array} \right\}_{\text{to } \mathcal{O}(m^2)}$$

The diagrammatic representation shows two circular diagrams. The first diagram is a circle with two black dots on the top edge and a counter-clockwise arrow. The second diagram is a circle with a red 'X' on the top edge and a counter-clockwise arrow.

$$\bar{c}_{\mathbb{I}}^{(0)}(x, \tau) = \left\{ \int \frac{d^4 q}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{e^{iq \cdot x}}{q^2 + m^2} - \int \frac{d^4 q}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{e^{-q^2 \tau}}{q^2 + m^2} \right\}_{\text{to } \mathcal{O}(m^2)}$$

Smearred Wilson coefficients

- expanding in the mass and carrying out integrals

$$\bar{c}_{\mathbb{I}}^{(0)}(x, \tau) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \left[\frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{4\tau} + \frac{m^2}{4} \left(1 - \gamma_E + \log \left(\frac{4\tau}{x^2} \right) \right) \right]$$

- compare to the Wilson coefficient in the original OPE

$$c_{\mathbb{I}}^{(0)}(x, \mu) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \left[\frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{m^2}{4} (\gamma_E + \log(\pi^2 \mu^2 x^2)) \right]$$

Beyond tree-level things get slightly trickier...

Smeared Wilson coefficients

Working at one-loop, the rearranged sOPE

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{c}_{\mathbb{I}}(x, \tau) \langle \Omega | \mathbb{I} \tilde{\phi}_R(p_1) \tilde{\phi}_R(p_2) | \Omega \rangle &= \langle \Omega | \phi(x) \phi(0) \tilde{\phi}_R(p_1) \tilde{\phi}_R(p_2) | \Omega \rangle \\ &\quad - \bar{c}_{\phi^2}(x, \tau) \langle \Omega | \bar{\phi}(0, \tau) \phi(0) \tilde{\phi}_R(p_1) \tilde{\phi}_R(p_2) | \Omega \rangle \end{aligned}$$

becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{c}_{\mathbb{I}}^{(1)}(x, \tau) &= \langle \Omega | \phi(x) \phi(0) \tilde{\phi}_R(p_1) \tilde{\phi}_R(p_2) | \Omega \rangle^{(1)} - \left[\langle \Omega | \bar{\phi}(0, \tau) \phi(0) \tilde{\phi}_R(p_1) \tilde{\phi}_R(p_2) | \Omega \rangle^{(1)} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \bar{c}_{\phi^2}^{(1)}(x, \tau) \langle \Omega | \bar{\phi}(0, \tau) \phi(0) \tilde{\phi}_R(p_1) \tilde{\phi}_R(p_2) | \Omega \rangle^{(0)} \right] \end{aligned}$$

so we must first determine $\bar{c}_{\phi^2}^{(1)}(x, \tau)$

Smeared Wilson coefficients

We have

$$\bar{c}_{\phi^2}^{(1)}(x, \tau) = \left\{ \langle \Omega | \phi(x) \phi(0) \tilde{\phi}_R(p_1) \tilde{\phi}_R(p_2) | \Omega \rangle^{(1)} - \langle \Omega | \bar{\phi}(0, \tau) \phi(0) \tilde{\phi}_R(p_1) \tilde{\phi}_R(p_2) | \Omega \rangle^{(1)} \right\}_{\text{to } \mathcal{O}(m^0)}$$

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The diagrammatic representation shows two terms in curly braces. The first term is a circle with two incoming lines at the bottom and two outgoing lines at the top, with two black dots on the top arc. The second term is a similar circle with two incoming lines at the bottom and two outgoing lines at the top, but with a red 'X' on the top arc. A minus sign is placed between the two diagrams.

$$\bar{c}_{\phi^2}^{(1)}(x, \tau) = \left\{ \frac{1}{(p_1^2 + m^2)(p_2^2 + m^2)} \left[-\frac{\lambda}{2} \int_q \frac{e^{iq \cdot x} - e^{-q^2 \tau}}{(q^2 + m^2)((q - p_1 - p_2)^2 + m^2)} \right] \right\}_{\text{to } \mathcal{O}(m^0)}$$

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momentum independence in small- x limit requires
 $\tau \propto x^2$

Smeared Wilson coefficients

With

$$\bar{c}_{\phi^2}^{(1)}(x, \tau) = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \gamma_E + \log \left(\frac{4\tau}{x^2} \right) \right)$$

we need to determine remaining contribution

$$\bar{c}_{\mathbb{I}}^{(1)}(x, \tau) = \left\{ \langle \Omega | \phi(x) \phi(0) \tilde{\phi}_R(p_1) \tilde{\phi}_R(p_2) | \Omega \rangle^{(1)} - \langle \Omega | \bar{\phi}(0, \tau) \phi(0) \tilde{\phi}_R(p_1) \tilde{\phi}_R(p_2) | \Omega \rangle^{(1)} \right\}_{\text{to } \mathcal{O}(m^4)}$$

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Diagram 1: A diagram consisting of two circles. The top circle has two black dots on its upper edge. The bottom circle is smaller and positioned below the top one. Arrows on both circles indicate a clockwise direction.

Diagram 2: A diagram consisting of two circles. The top circle has a red 'X' on its upper edge. The bottom circle is smaller and positioned below the top one. Arrows on both circles indicate a clockwise direction. A grey arrow points from the text "interaction vertex at flow time zero" to the red 'X'.

loop integral requires renormalisation
introduce new scale μ

Smearred Wilson coefficients

Tree-level calculation demonstrates

- recover leading- x behaviour

One-loop calculation demonstrates

- momentum independence of Wilson coefficients requires $\tau \propto x^2$
- quantum effects generate renormalisation scale dependence μ

Renormalisation group equations enable us to study scale dependence

Renormalisation group equations

Consider renormalisation group (RG) equations for connected Green functions

$$\mu \frac{d}{d\mu} = \mu \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} + \beta \frac{\partial}{\partial g} - \gamma_m m^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial m^2}$$

Green function of N external scalar fields

$$\mu \frac{d}{d\mu} G_N^{(\text{conn})} = -\frac{N}{2} \gamma G_N^{(\text{conn})}$$

Green function of renormalised operator coupled to N external scalar fields

$$\mu \frac{d}{d\mu} G_N^{(\text{conn})}(\phi_R^2) = \left(\gamma_m - \frac{N}{2} \gamma \right) G_N^{(\text{conn})}(\phi_R^2)$$

Renormalisation group equations

Applying the operator

$$\mathcal{O}_{\text{RG}} = \mu \frac{d}{d\mu} + \left(\frac{N}{2} + 1 \right) \gamma$$

to the OPE

$$G_{N+2}^{(\text{conn})} = c_{\phi^2}(\mu x) G_N^{(\text{conn})}(\phi_R^2) + \mathcal{O}(x)$$

nothing other than

$$\phi(x)\phi(0) = c_{\phi^2} \phi^2(0) + \mathcal{O}(x)$$

leads to the RG equation for the Wilson coefficient

$$\left[\mu \frac{d}{d\mu} + (\gamma + \gamma_m) \right] c_{\phi^2}(\mu x) = 0$$

anomalous dimension = difference between anomalous dimensions of non-local and local operators

Renormalisation group equations

For the sOPE we have

$$\mu \frac{d}{d\mu} \rightarrow \mu \frac{d}{d\mu} + \kappa \frac{d}{d\kappa}$$

$$\tau = \kappa x^2$$

We now act with

$$\mathcal{O}_{\text{RG}} = \mu \frac{d}{d\mu} + \left(\frac{N}{2} + 1\right) \gamma \rightarrow \mu \frac{d}{d\mu} + \kappa \frac{d}{d\kappa} + \left(\frac{N}{2} + 1\right)$$

on the sOPE

$$G_{N+2}^{(\text{conn})} = \bar{c}_{\phi^2}(\mu x) G_N^{(\text{conn})}(\bar{\phi}_R^{-2}) + \mathcal{O}(x)$$

we obtain

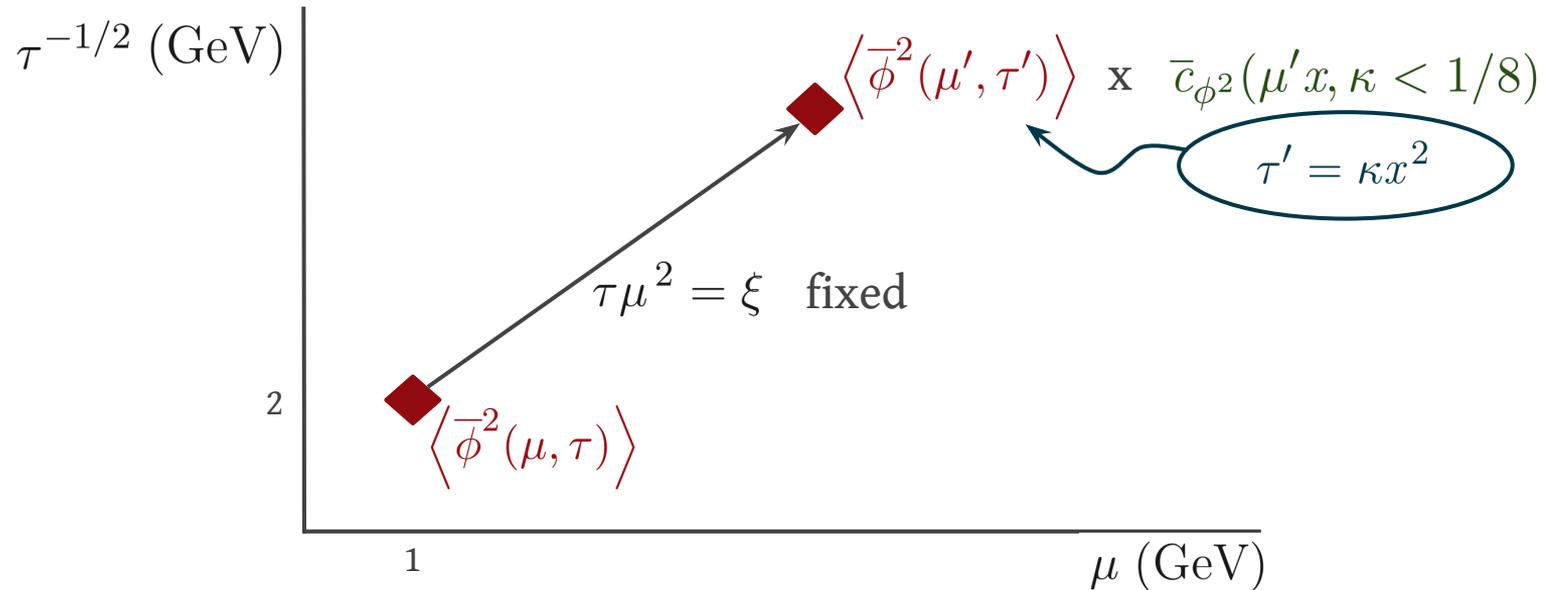
$$\left[\mu \frac{d}{d\mu} + \kappa \frac{d}{d\kappa} + \gamma + \bar{\gamma}_{\phi^2} \right] \bar{c}_{\phi^2}(\mu x, \kappa) = 0$$

anomalous dimension = difference between anomalous dimensions of non-local and (smeared) local operators

Renormalisation group equations

Wilson coefficients and matrix elements a function of two scales
scale invariance ties scales together

Match to nonperturbative lattice calculations



Introduced locally smeared operator product expansion

Scalar field theory demonstrates

- momentum independence of coefficients connects smearing radius to space-time separation
- quantum effects generate renormalisation scale dependence

Renormalisation group considerations

- tie together smearing and renormalisation scale

Systematic method to incorporate smeared operators in lattice calculations

Gradient flow a well-established tool for QCD

- non-linear flow time equations complicate analysis
- flow time evolution still classical

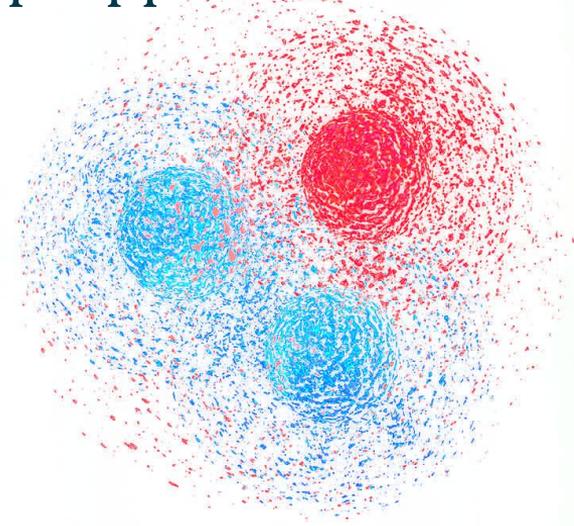
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Demonstrate effectiveness

- determine Wilson coefficients at one loop
- calculate twist-2 matrix elements nonperturbatively

$$\bar{q} \gamma_\mu D_\nu D_\rho q \sim \frac{1}{a^2} \bar{q} \gamma_\mu q \longrightarrow \bar{q} \gamma_\mu D_\nu D_\rho q \sim \frac{1}{\tau} \bar{q} \gamma_\mu q$$

- apply nonperturbative step-scaling procedure



Thank you

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